

Running Growing Leaders in Nelson, Manchester

Over recent years, as a church pastor I developed a sense of urgency in the need to bring on emerging leaders in the Church community. The problem was where to start with the task of developing a training strategy and program. I attended a GL training day to find out more about the course. I purchased the material and copies of the Growing Leaders text book. I found that on offering a structured training program, there was a great uptake amongst those I approached. I had a mix of people. Some were existing leaders and some were members with potential. The course stresses the development of leaders at different levels including small groups, teams, areas of ministry as well as overall leadership. The course is substantial yet not overwhelming. The monthly sessions have been a high point for my wife and I (The main trainers) and for the participants. Three of these people have recently been appointed to the senior leadership team of the church, and I am sure will have benefitted from the course.

I have seen most of the course participants grow in understanding and confidence. I would say that most have been able to take on greater leadership challenges in the life of the church. Some will be helping me with some of the future training. I am sure that all will recommend to their peers attending this course as they have got so much from it. I intend to build this into the annual life of the fellowship as it is an invaluable tool which will help to leave a leadership legacy in the life of our church.

It has been good to make some minor modifications to the course material and add a few extra insights from my own studies on a Christian leadership Masters course. GL allows for this but provides a well thought out structure and resource that will enable you to be up and running with an effective leadership development tool.

Thank God for people like Lawrence and others who have made this material available and at a great value price.